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SUMMARY: DURING SEPTEMBER 9 POLADS DISCUSSION OF CBMS, ALLIES SHOWED STRONG INTEREST IN RECENT SOVIET CRITICISM OF EXERCISES "GROSSE ROCHADE" AND "COLD FIRE", AND HIGHLIGHTED NEED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WARSAW PACT COMPLIANCE WITH CBMS OBLIGATIONS. ALLIES WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEPTEMBER 9 POLADS MEETING, FRG REP (CITRON) CALLED ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE TO AN AUGUST 30 KRASNAYA ZVYEZDA ARTICLE WHICH CRITICIZED EXERCISES "GROSSE ROCHADE" AND "COLD FIRE" AND IMPLIED THAT HOLDING THEM SOMEHOW CONFLICTS WITH CSCE (SEE TEXT OF FRG SPEAKING NOTES BELOW). GERMANS NOTE THAT SOVIET PRESS HAS NOT REPORTED NATO COUNTRIES' CSCE NOTIFICATION OF "GROSSE ROCHADE".

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2. FRG COMMENTS STIMULATED ANIMATED DISCUSSION IN WHICH SEVERAL ALLIED REPS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NATO MONITORING OF WARSAW PACT COMPLIANCE WITH CSCE/CBMS OBLIGATIONS.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) REP (COL. OGLIARO - ITALY) SAID IMS DOES NOT POSSESS INFORMATION ON UPCOMING WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO CBMS NOTIFICATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT, EXCEPT IN RARE CASES WHERE WP EXERCISES ARE PRE-ANNOUNCED BY THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES, NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES GENERALLY LEARN ABOUT THEM ONLY AFTER THEY ARE HELD. MOREOVER, PRECISE INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF TROOPS PARTICIPATING IS NEVER AVAILABLE. THUS, BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR IMS TO SPECULATE WHETHER A GIVEN WP EXERCISE, ONCE IT IS HELD, SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO CSCE/CBM NOTIFICATION. IMS REP REPORTED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD REQUESTED NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION THEY CAN ABOUT WP EXERCISES.

4. COMMITTEE AGREED ALLIES SHOULD MAKE A DETERMINED AND CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO MONITOR WP COMPLIANCE ON CBMS.

5. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT ALLIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EXTENT OF WP IMPLEMENTATION OF CBMS AND THAT EVIDENCE OF WP INTENTIONS RE COMPLIANCE WILL INFLUENCE NATO CAPITALS REGARDING WESTERN IMPLEMENTATION. WE BELIEVE ALLIED CONCERNS ARE WELL-FOUNDED AND, AS PART OF EFFORT TO MONITOR WP COMPLIANCE, HOPE WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. END COMMENT.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRG SPEAKING NOTES ON SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF NATO MANEUVERS. BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: SOVIET CRITICISM OF NATO EXERCISES

1. ON 30 AUGUST, THE "DRASNAYA ZVYEZDA" - THE ORGAN OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF DEFENCE - CRITICIZED THE NATO EXERCISES TAKING PLACE AT THE PRESENT TIME AS AN "UNPRECEDENTED DEMONSTRATION OF THE NATO MILITARY MACHINERY". THE ARTICLE EXPLICITLY REFERS TO "GROSSE ROCHADE" AND COLD FIRE AS SECRET

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PARTS OF THE "COORDINATED SERIES" CALLED "AUTUMN FORGE" AND CALLS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THEY COINCIDE WITH MOVEMENTS OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR SHIPS IN THE NORTH SEA. THE ARTICLE RAISES THE QUESTION WHY THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE THE "NOTORIOUS ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY" AND NOTES THAT, AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CSCE, MILITARIST ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND COULD ONLY LEAD TO MIXED FEELINGS AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE CONTINENT.

2. WHAT IS INTERESING IS THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUE A CONFLICT WITH CSCE, WHILE THE NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE "GROSSE ROCHADE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT CONTINUES TO BE PASSED OVER IN SILENCE. IN COMMENTING

ON THE CBM PART OF THE FINAL ACT, THE SOVIET PRESS
AFTER THE HELSINKI SUMMIT HAD HELD THE VIEW THAT THE
NOTIFICATION OF A MILITARY EXERCISE IMPOSED CERTAIN RE-
STRAINTS ON THE PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THAT EXERCISE BY
THE OTHER SIDE.
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